

# HALL AND MRS. MILLS FOUGHT SLAYERS

## Choir Singer's Lip Cut, Knuckle of Rector Bruised

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witness stand and repeated how he had examined the woman's abdomen for signs of pregnancy. He failed to find any such traces, he declared.

George D. Totten, former Somerset county detective, described how the bodies of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills had been laid out under the farm tree. He told of finding the calling card, which the state says bore the fingerprint of Willie Stevens, the minister's eyeglasses and several other articles which had been turned over to Azariah Beekman, late county prosecutor.

### Appetite of Morbid Whetted

Under cross-examination the witness related the circumstances under which Willie had been grilled by the authorities a few days after the crime, only to be subsequently released.

The courtroom was packed throughout the proceedings. More women were on hand than any previous day. The gruesome spectacle presented yesterday, when a wax

### To Testify Soon



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head and shoulders representing those of Mrs. Mills was introduced, seemed to have whetted their appetite for more morbid details.

As usual, the three defendants sat unmoved throughout the ordeal, except for Willie, who was reported to have spent a restless night in the county jail and who whispered occasionally to the defense lawyers. Mrs. Hall and Henry Stevens were immobile, as witness followed witness to the stand.

Even when Senator Simpson asked that the jury be allowed to make a tour of inspection over the Phillips farm, a request strenuously objected to by the defense, the three prisoners showed no perturbation.

### Fly Specks on Glasses

George D. Totten, former Somerset county detective, was the first witness called. He had been on the stand twice before.

Q. In your testimony you referred to cards near the foot of Dr. Hall as having blood spots. A. I meant they were fly-specked.

Q. And his eye-glasses, how were they? A. Also fly-specked.

Q. On the left side, the neck seemed to be severed. Did the surface appear to have been eaten by insects? A. The neck was clear. The blood about the wound had been eaten away by insects.

Q. The cards and letters you observed were scattered about. A. That's all, just simply scattered.

Q. With you were several Somerset county officials, Dr. Long, the sheriff and your own aid? A. Yes.

### All Picked Up Something

Q. I suppose any one of you that

## Shocked by Exhibit



CHARLOTTE MILLS

found anything there that day picked it up? A. Yes.

Q. Joseph Navatto, your assistant, was with you? A. Yes.

Q. You were asked before if Sheriff Conklin had brought away the card, so you said you were not sure if Conklin had turned them over to Dr. Long? A. I don't remember.

Q. You are sure that on Saturday, September 16, the exhibits were placed in your custody? You had them until the next Tuesday? A. I am.

The defense was continuing its efforts to show that the evidential value of articles found near the bodies was diminished by much handling by different individuals, that the calling card and other objects were passed from hand to hand until none could be positive that all of the present exhibits were originals.

Q. On Monday or Tuesday you took them to New Brunswick. Why? A. Because we had established headquarters at Prosecutor Strycker's office there.

### Mott Took Charge in October

Q. Do you recall when Mr. Mott was placed as assistant attorney general in charge of the case? A. Some time in October.

Q. Who was there when you arrived at the crabapple tree that Saturday? A. There were several people there. They had heard of the crime, and had gathered there.

Q. I understand you to say that the only way you recognize this card as the one found at the crime is by the fly specks? A. Yes.

Q. Do you know where the card case is today? A. No.

Q. When did you last see that card prior to the preliminary hearing? A. The day I delivered it to Prosecutor Strycker's office.

### Didn't See Fingerprints

Q. There was an examination

made then for fingerprints? A. Yes.

Q. Did you see any fingerprints on it at that time? A. Not any visible.

Q. You met Schwartz, Newark expert, at New Brunswick? A. Yes.

Q. Describe the scarf you saw around Mrs. Mills's body. A. It was a long brown scarf.

Q. It had a pocket? A. Yes.

Q. Was anything in the pocket?

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